

### REMARKS

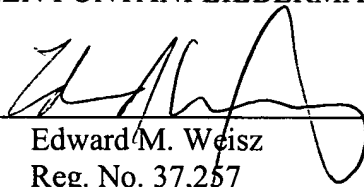
Claims 1-8 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9-23 are currently pending, claim 9 being the only independent claim. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended. The amendment to claims 22 and 23 are to correct their dependencies and to correct minor claim wording such that the application is placed in proper form for examination. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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